THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The quantity of silk garments and th total quantity of silk textile products exported during the last three years are as under:–

Year	*Quantity (in lakh Sq. meter)*	
	Silk Garment	*Total silk textile products*
1989–90	62.67	358
1990–91	60.74	325
1991–92 (upto Feb. 92)	60.47	350

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The quantum of exports of silk garments during the year 1991–92 (April–Feb.) were 9% more than the entire exports of silk garments during the year 1990–91.

(d) In order to boost the export of silk textile products including silk garments, the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council takes up various export promotion programmes including particiaption in trade fairs, organisation of buyer-seller meets in different countries, publicity compaign etc.

Expenditure of Central Silk Board

6982. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of administrative expenditure of the Central Silk Board during the last three years; year–wise

(b) whether there is a steady increase in the expenditure; and

(c) if so, the corrective measures proposed to be taken to minimise it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The amount of administrative expenditure of the Central Silk Board (CSB) during the last three years is as under:–

Year	*Amount (in Rs./lakh)*
1989–90	379.31
1990–91	429.72
1991–92 (upto Feb. 92)	474.09

(b) and (c). The increase in the administrative expenditure of CSB is mainly due to implementation of the World Bank/Swiss assisted National Sericulture Project. However, the Board is taking measurs to minimise the expenditure on travelling, overtime allowance, office expenses, creation of posts under its normal plan programmes etc.

Seizure of Gold at Igia

6983. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of gold seized

at the Indira Gandhi International Airport during February and March, 1992; and

(b) the number of persons arrested so far in this connection and action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The quantity and value of gold seized at the Indira Gandhi International Airport during February and March, 1992 are given below:

Period	*Quantity (in Kgs)*	*Value (Rs. in lakhs)*
February, 1992	6.5	26.2
March, 1992	40.9	163.8

(b) Nine persons in February ;92 and five persons in March '92 were arrested in this connection and are liable for penalty in departmental adjudication and prosecution in Court of law.

Sale of Shares of Public Sector Companies to Foreign Investors

6984. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to sell shares of some public sector companies to foreign investors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the effect thereof on the economy of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). A committee under the Chairmanship of Member, Planning Commission has been set up to examine alternative modalities for th sale of shares of Public Sector Enterprises and various related matters. Government proposes to decide on the modalities of the sale after considering the recommendations of this committee?

Public Liability Policies by Insurance Companies

6985. SHR GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Insurance companies propose to issue public liability policies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The Insurance Companies have been issuing public liability policies for the last many years and recently, they have also introduced the public liability policies in terms of the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991. While the traditional public liability insurance policy provides protection against tort liability arising under common law, the recently introduced policy under Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 provides coverage on 'no fault' basis as per provisions of the Act.

Export Orders for Brass Handicrafts

6986. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state: